

SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS

On page 1, above line 1, insert: --Priority Claim and Cross Reference
--The present application is a 35 U.S.C. 371 national stage filing of PCT/EP2004/052677 filed 27 October 2004, which claims benefit of European patent application No. 03104007.4 filed 29 October 2003 and International patent application No. PCT/EP04/051407 filed 8 July 2004.--

On page 1, above line 1, insert--Field of the Invention--

Paragraph on line 1 of page 1 has been amended as follows:

--The invention relates to a distance holder for use as a part of an excavating device ~~arranged to generate a stream of an abrasive fluid to be jetted against a geological formation thereby excavating a hole in the geological formation.~~--

On page 1, above line 9, insert--Background of the Invention--

On page 2, above line 3, insert--Summary of the Invention--

Paragraph on line 3 of page 2 has been amended as follows:

~~--According to the~~ The invention, ~~there is provided~~ provides a distance holder for use as a part of an excavating device arranged to generate a stream of an abrasive fluid to be jetted against a geological formation thereby excavating a hole in the geological formation, the distance holder having a wall with a trumpet shaped inner surface section to be facing the geological formation there where it is to be excavated, whereby a recess is formed in the trumpet shaped inner surface section of the wall thereby defining an opening in the trumpet shaped inner surface section to allow the stream of the abrasive fluid to pass from within the recess through the trumpet shaped inner surface section to impact the geological formation.--

On page 2, above line 33, please insert the following:

--These and other advantages of the invention will be further elucidated by way of example and in conjunction with the accompanying drawings.

Brief Description of the Drawings

In the accompanying drawings:

Figure 1 schematically shows a cross section of an excavating device and distance holder according to the invention;

Figures 2A, 2B and 2C show schematic perspective views of a distance holder of an excavating device according to embodiments of the invention;

Figure 3 shows a schematic cross sectional view for elucidating the angle between the nozzle discharge direction and the inner surface of the distance holder;

Figure 4 shows a schematic side view of a second embodiment of an excavating device with a distance holder according to the invention; and

Figure 5 shows a schematic cross section of the excavating device and distance holder of Figure 4.

Detailed Description of Embodiments--

On page 2, above line 33, please insert the following:

--The present distance holder for the present excavating tool has a wall with a trumpet shaped inner surface section provided with an opening.--

On page 5, delete lines 27-35.

On page 6, delete lines 1-10.

Paragraph on line 9 of page 13 has been amended as follows:

-- An example of a suitable separation system is provided in International publication WO-A-02/34653. Details of an improved separation and recirculation system are given in International application PCT/EP2004/051407, now published under number WO2005/005766, of which priority is claimed and which is hereby incorporated by reference.--

On page 16, above line 1, insert:--We claim:--